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Sir:

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Switzerland Patent Publication No 693516 appears to disclose a drive system for a mechanical watch having two barrels mounted on a common axis to extend operating time before winding. An English language translation of the Abstract is being submitted herewith.

European Patent Publication No. 1039352 appears to disclose a self-compensating spring for clockwork movement spring balance. An English language translation of the Abstract is being submitted herewith.

French Patent Publication No. 1,151,350 appears to disclose a stainless alloy having a resistance to fatigue and a clock spring of this alloy.

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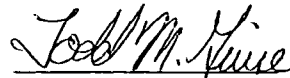
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Prompt examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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